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TAKES COMMAND OF CAMP GREENE

Major General Joseph T. Dickman Arrived Wednesday.

Transferred From Camp Custer. An Army Veteran, He Wears Five Service Stripes.

Major Gen. Joseph T. Dickman, transferred from Camp Custer at Battle Creek, Mich., arrived in Charlotte Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock and assumed command of Camp Greene. His transfer to this camp was announced in an Associated Press dispatch last week, and his arrival at the camp was expected, unhesitatingly.

The new commanding officer was met at his train by Brigadier General Sweater, whom he relieved in command of the camp and who himself arrived only a few days ago from Massachusetts.

General Dickman is in command of the Eighty-fifth division of the national army, at Camp Custer, when ordered here. He was unaccompanied to Charlotte, but will be joined in a few days by Mrs. Dickman, also by his son-in-law and aid, Capt. C. W. Foster. No other members of his staff have been named, but the general will give attention to this matter in a few days.

More than six feet and two hundred pounds of soldier, General Dickman wears five service stripes on his breast. He entered West Point in the seventies from the Fourth Ohio district, being graduated with the class of '81, so that his first commission, as a second lieutenant, in five years over the draft age. He wears service stripes earned in Indian campaigns in the west, the Spanish war, the occupation of Cuba, the Filipino insurrection and the Boxer uprising in China. So, wherever there has been anything doing in a fighting way since the general has been a part of the army, he has been "in it." He naturally expects the addition of another foreign service stripe before he is very much older.

A Fighting Family. As a matter of fact, fighting seems to run in the Dickman family, for his whole family is "with the colors." In addition to the general, he naturally represented by his son, Maj. T. F. Dickman, of the signal service, now at Richmond and whom the general stopped over to see while on his way to Charlotte, and by two of the general's sons-in-law, Captain Foster, his aide, and Lieutenant Commander Harrison E. Knapp, who is "somewhere in European waters" hunting for German submarines.

The arrival of General Dickman indicates that the perfection of divisional organization at Camp Greene, something that has not yet been done, may soon be expected, although this the general was not in a position to discuss during this interview. Neither was he at liberty to give out any information as to the coming of other troops to this camp, although he remarked that he had been advised they had been constantly coming in. He remarked, however, that although he had paid only a nominal visit to the camp, he was of the opinion that it might soon become necessary to clear additional land for camp sites. There were some sites not now occupied, he said, which had been marked off, and which would probably be sufficient to make the camp accommodate as many as 16,000 men as now prepared.

The general said that his transfer to Charlotte was on very short notice, and that while he had not been here long enough to look around much and get acquainted, he felt sure he was going to like his assignment and would enjoy his associations with the people of Charlotte. He came to Charlotte by way of Washington and Richmond, stopping in the latter city to visit his son.

COMEDIES OF CAMP GREENE



"You have seen action haven't you?"
"No. I aint did have this face."

MANLY SPORTS ENTHUSE BOYS AT STUNT NIGHT

Best Act of Evening at Building 104 Bout Between "Big Bulldog" and "Gold Dust," Colored.

Although the program of stunt night at Building No. 104 Tuesday, November 27, did not come up to expectations due to a short notice that we had to get up the program, still a pleasant hour and a half was enjoyed by about 325 soldiers.

Act 1—Queen City trio (colored) entertained the audience for about 15 minutes with singing, joking and fancy steps. This act was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Act 2—Wrestling bout between Private Chapman, of Machine Gun Co., weighing 140 pounds, who issued a challenge and accepted by Private Mitels, of E Co., 47th, weighing 135 pounds. They wrestled for six minutes with no decision, and after a five-minute rest they agreed to wrestle for another six minutes to a decision. Chapman threw Mitels with a scissor hold in three minutes.

Act 3—Private Winbergs, Co. K, accommodated with a few fancy athletic stunts and tumbling for 19 minutes, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, even if he did break a chair doing one of his fancy tricks.

Act 4—Boxing bout of three rounds between "Big Bulldog" and "Gold Dust" (colored). This was by far the best act of the evening and many a laugh was enjoyed by all. No decision was rendered, as both were all in from the efforts to please the crowd.

Act 5—Boxing bout of three rounds between Corporal Bernard and Private Keating. This bout was good but did not furnish excitement, as both were from the same company and they boxed with brotherly love.

Private Mike Eleck, of Co. C, challenged any one in the house at 135 pounds for boxing bout with no acceptance.

Private Szaynaky, of Co. K, challenged any one in the house at wrestling at 140 pounds, also found no opponent.

"REBUKE OF SILENCE" SUBJECT OF SERMON

Mr. Albert B. Coe, the educational secretary, gave the religious message at his building 108 last Sunday evening. Mr. Coe's subject was "The Rebuke of Silence," basing it on the text from Luke 23:9. "And he answered him nothing." The message was characteristic of the man for it was earnest and thoughtful and made a deep impression upon his hearers. Mr. Coe leaves the army Y. M. C. A. work this week to enter the United States army. He will be stationed at Fort Monroe. He will be greatly missed at Camp Greene by the soldiers he served and by his fellow Y. M. C. A. secretaries. He was very popular with the soldiers and was a secretary of exceptional ability. His fellow workers at building 108 held a farewell supper in his honor last Wednesday and wished him Godspeed in the heroic work to which he has responded.

LIBRARY BUILDING FOR CAMP GREENE STARTED

A free library for the boys at the camp soon will be in operation. The library association is going to build a library one block from the water tank No. 1. Mr. Goodrich, whose headquarters are now in the K. O. building, will be the secretary of the library. The building will be completed in about three weeks.

NOTES FROM BUILDING 105.

On Friday night, November 23, the men of the 4th and 7th infantry were delighted with the program given by Dr. Clarence T. Wilson, Mr. Frank M. Waring and their wives. Dr. Wilson gave the men a real message about intemperance both in drinking and in the moral life. (Although North Carolina is a "dry state" there is a great abuse of soft drinks.) The Warrings were both entertaining and instructive in their songs, which consisted of Dr. Wilson's message put to music.

L. E. HAWKINS GOES TO FRANCE

Camp Greene Y. M. C. A. Secretary to Serve Abroad.

Conference to Be Held in Atlanta to Reorganize Staffs in the Southeast.

L. E. Hawkins, camp secretary at Camp Greene, who was relieved to go to Boston to direct the Y. M. C. A. war work fund campaign in the Boston district, has been relieved of duty at Camp Greene to go to France. He has an assignment of six months service abroad, and will sail about December 31st.

Another member of the Camp Greene secretarial staff who will go to France in L. A. Morhouse, No. 105 building secretary. As to what was done with the remaining members of the Camp Greene staff who went to New York for a conference on foreign service work held Wednesday, nothing has been heard here.

When Mr. Hawkins left for Boston, J. E. Day became acting camp secretary, but about three weeks ago was called to Somerville, Mass., his home, by the serious illness of his wife. He returned to Camp Greene Friday leaving Mrs. Day much improved.

During the absence of Mr. Day, H. C. Northrop, accompanied by Dr. T. Thurston, of Mentorian, N. C., a religious work director at the camp; A. E. Bagley, camp physical director, and H. M. Thurston, No. 108 building secretary, left for Atlanta, southeastern headquarters, to attend a conference at which reorganization for this department will be made. Reorganization made necessary by the call for additional men to go to France. The conference will continue three days, during which an entire re-arrangement of the secretarial staff of the camps in this department will probably be effected. Among other things, a permanent camp secretary for Camp Greene, succeeding Mr. Hawkins, will be probably named.

It is expected that something like 125 to 150 secretaries now at the various army camps will go to France immediately as a result of the last call.

SOLDIERS ADDRESSED BY MISSIONARY TO INDIA

Dr. W. G. Elmore addressed the religious meeting last Tuesday evening at building 108 giving his well-known lecture entitled "The Conquest of the Frigidians." He has been a missionary in India for 17 years and described in an interesting manner which held the attention of all how India had been conquered five times, i. e., the Aryan, Buddha, the Mohammedans, the British and finally the Christian religion. He told us Christ was conquering today the vast continent by banishing superstition, ignorance and evil customs. He modestly portrayed the missionary's part in India's redemption and pictured the possibilities of an India won to Jesus Christ.

MOUNT OLIVE WOMAN ENTERTAINS SOLDIERS

The dreary and disagreeable weather Thanksgiving day didn't dampen the spirits of the soldiers in building 108 at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. For at this time Mrs. H. E. Ranson of Mount Olive, N. C., entertained the men with several very interesting readings. Mrs. Ranson told the soldiers stories of the north and south and gave them a very happy time making them forget for the time being the unpleasant weather. Applause and laughter from time to time showed the appreciation of the soldiers.

